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TOPIC Airfield of KOETHEN		25X1A
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SOURCE

1. The following aircraft were [] at the KOETHEN (M 52/D 95) airfield:

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Eight U-2s
Six LAs
Twelve Yak-9s
Two Boston-IIIs.

Local flying was done with the Ya. fighters.

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2. [] about five hundred air force personnel were stationed at the airfield. All officers and flying personnel were decorations. The units were relieved by personnel from the MOSCOW area.
3. The construction of garages for tank trucks and large earthbunkers, apparently storing facilities for fuel barrels, was going on.
4. Antiaircraft guns were not observed in the vicinity of the airfield.
5. The following motor vehicles were seen at the field:

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The observed aircraft types indicate that the occupation of the KOETHEN airfield has not changed since late July 1949. It is still assumed that both a fighter regiment, equipped with Yaks, and an air reconnaissance regiment, equipped with Boston-IIIs and LAs, are stationed at the airfield. This assumption is supported by the reported motor vehicle numbers. The attached 4 photographs, which were taken at the KOETHEN airfield, confirm the reported occupation by fighters. Boston-IIIs, however, are not discernible.

1 Annex: 4 photographs

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